



Ngaio School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 4
23 February 2024

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[School Calendar](#)

absences@ngaio.school.nz

KEY DATES TERM 1 - Please check the school website calendar regularly

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| Wednesday 28th Feb 1.40pm | New Parents Information Session |
| Friday 1st March | Movin' March starts today |
| Friday 1st March | Movin' March house event WEAR HOUSE COLOURS |
| Friday 15th March | Little Heart Day - wear red, gold coin donation |
| Monday 18th March 9am | Whakatau - welcome to new families |
| Fri 22nd March 9am | Kākāpō Hui - Christina's class hosting |
| Fri 22nd March 10am | Tūi Hui - Hayden, Louisa and Amy's classes hosting |
| Wed 27th March 2.15-3pm | Open afternoon to share learning |
| Friday 29th March | Good Friday - no school |
| Monday 1st & Tues 2nd April | Easter holidays - no school |
| Wed 3 April | Staff Appreciation Morning Tea |
| Tues 9th - Fri 12th April | Forest Lakes Camp |
| Tues 9th April | Pedal Ready - year 5 |
| Wed 10th April | Pedal Ready - Yr 4 scooter day |
| Wed 10th April | Sausage |
| Thurs 11th April | Pedal Ready - Yr 2/3 scooter day |
| Friday 12th April, 3:00pm | End of Term 1 |

Kia ora e te Whānau

This year, as suggested by a number of you, we have made the decision to request donations for activities (e.g. trips, visitors and swimming lessons) individually through MyKindo. We hope this will make it easier for families to contribute. As always, the school will never exclude anyone from a trip for non-payment and have a pastoral care budget to help with this. Changing the way we collect donations for activities will help us manage our budget, activity by activity, so we don't end up covering a

significant shortfall at the end. It also means you will have ongoing information about the costs involved with each activity.

Due to the timing of swimming at the beginning of the year, this request will be sent home as soon as we have MyKindo operating. The swimming pool costs us an incredible amount to run, so your contribution to the lesson costs is invaluable. Using Easyswim ensures ākongas have quality instruction, but there is a cost for this service.

The damage from the flooding event is now to a point where remediation can occur. It took a long time to dry the affected areas with more and more wallboard and flooring removed to allow the hardwood floors and wall framing to dry properly. At this point, although quietly hopeful, we are not expecting to have this area in use this term.

Unfortunately we are still waiting for the shade sail to be installed. Frustratingly there are hold-ups by the installers.

We have mapped out the way we shared children's learning in a document and will use this as a basis for conversations throughout the year as we review our reporting as part of our annual plan. You can access our Ngaio School Learning Journey Timeline on our website [here](#).

Have a great weekend.

Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

ONE HOUR A DAY OF READING, WRITING AND MATHS

The Ministry of Education has started providing resources to support this government initiative, including this brochure for parents.

[One hour a day of reading, writing and maths for whanau.pdf](#)

MOVIN' MARCH

We are participating in the annual Movin' March event again this year. On Monday ākongas will receive a Movin' March passport. Ākongas that walk, bike or scooter to school can get their passport stamped by a member of Ngā Rangatahi o Ngaio (Year 6 leaders) at one of our three entrances

(Colway Street = new stepping stone playbank, Ottawa Road = Tūi stage and Abbott Street = junior stage on the field). We have lots of spot prizes to be handed out and all fully stamped passports go into a major prize draw.

Our first House Event will celebrate the start of Movin' March next Friday 1 March. Ākonga are encouraged to wear their House colour. Kaiako will remind ākonga of their House and House colour early next week. Houses will meet over the middle block to connect and launch Movin' March.

| 2024 Whānau Ako Manga - Family of Houses | | | | | |
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| Kakariki | Kowhai | Tawa | Whero | Kikorangi | Karaka |
| Green | Yellow | Purple | Red | Blue | Orange |

COVID-19

Although all COVID-19 requirements have been removed, recommendations remain, including isolating for 5 days.

Please continue to keep children home if they have COVID-19 symptoms. Isolation is still the main tool to manage the spread of the virus. It is the most effective way to keep case numbers low in our school.

Please continue to notify the school if your child has COVID-19 to help with our management and decision making.



21st-23rd May
Camp Wainui,
203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata.
Entry fee \$30 per person

We've had interest in this event and Diane, a school parent, has kindly offered to be a coordinator so any Ngaio kids entered can meet up as a group on the day.

The Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge is NZ's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for tamariki. Ngaio students are invited to join as a school group on **Thursday 23rd May**. Children take on either a 1.5km (Yrs 3/4) or 3km (Yrs 5/6) muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, crawl under obstacles, beautiful native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame, water crossings and not to mention, mud mud and more mud!

If your child is interested in attending **and you are able to take them to this event**, please enter via this link:

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>

Please make sure you select **TEACHER PICK UP** as the bib method (so our coordinating parent can collect the school bundle) and enter the **CORRECT AND FULL NAME OF OUR SCHOOL** in order for your child's entry to be grouped in the school bundle.

9.30 – 10.30am: Registration and late entries

11.00am: Start (Years 7-8, Years 5-6, Years 3-4)

1.00pm: Prize-giving

PTA NEWS

Welcome to new and returning families for another fantastic year at Ngaio School. We look forward to coming together as a community and working together for the good of the school and our beloved tamariki.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urgently need a **Communications Coordinator**, somebody with a flair for comms to manage our Facebook page and newsletter content. We also need a **Fundraising Coordinator** and our **Secretary** would like to move to another role within the PTA. For role descriptions or to volunteer please email pta@ngaio.school.nz.

In addition to these roles we are always keen to have general members on the committee, so even if you're not keen on an official role that's OK. Come along to our next meeting or email us and we can have a chat on how you would like to be involved. We are not scary!

The next PTA meeting is at 7pm in the staffroom on Thursday 7 March.

PLAY BANK

The PTA is thrilled with the redevelopment of the playbank adjacent to the basketball courts. This space is now welcoming and bright and is a place for play, but can be also used as an outdoor classroom for learning. Many options were investigated for this space and the wet pour surface selected was chosen for its longevity and durability.



The PTA has fully funded the \$32K investment required to develop this area in line with the school's property master plan.



HOT CROSS BUNS ARE COMING

With Easter fast approaching, so too is the official "hot cross bun season"! You will be able to place orders and pick up the delicious goodies from school late March in preparation for the long weekend - watch for the email coming out next week.



**Ngaio School Out of Zone Enrolment for Term 2 2024
and Term 3 2024 Applications Open**

The Ngaio School Board of Trustees invites applications from parents of children who will become eligible for enrolment during the period Monday 29 April 2024 to Friday 27 September 2024. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school and do not need to apply. The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provision of the Education Act 1989. The Board has determined that 20 out of zone places are available across the school.

Applications must be made on the form available from the Ngaio School office, Tel: 04 939 6455 or email info@ngaio.school.nz

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- priority will be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- priority will then be given to any student who is the sibling of a former student of the school
- priority will then be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- priority will then be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the school or a child of a member of the board of the school.
- priority will then be given to all other applicants.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone enrolment within this period is 12 noon, Friday 5th April 2024.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held under supervision on Monday 8th April 2024. Parents/whānau will be informed as to the outcome of the ballot immediately following the ballot being held.

Applications are to be addressed to

- The Principal, Ngaio School, 45 Abbott Street, Ngaio, Wellington 6035
 - Or by email to info@ngaio.school.nz
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Community Notices

Join our French class at Ngaio School in Term 1 2024!

- For children Year 2 to Year 6
- Every Thursday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm
- From Thursday 15th February to Thursday 11th April

Price: \$153 for 9 weeks

Run by our team of native qualified French teachers

To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française
(admin@french.co.nz)



TERM 1
SPRING INTO SPORTS
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3:05pm - 4:05pm
BOOKINGS STILL OPEN!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Ultimate Frisbee
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Turbo Touch

Contact Information
adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School – Girls entering Year 7 in 2025

Marsden warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2025 to their first Open Morning for 2024 on Friday 22 March, 8.45am-12pm. Please register at

www.marsden.school.nz/register

Scholarships for entry in 2025 are now open. For more information and to apply, visit www.marsden.school.nz/enrolments/scholarships

marsden.school.nz

Marsden, Inspiring Girls

Zero Together is a five-week course provided by Wellington City Council to support residents who want to reduce their climate impact.

Our climate is changing, and we need to change too. Zero Together is a five-week interactive course for Wellingtonians who want to make a difference. Join us in Ngaio for five evenings exploring effective actions to reduce the carbon emissions from our everyday lives, sharing experiences, and being inspired by the community around us. With a community facilitator, we'll look at transport, energy use, waste, food, shopping habits and more. Register now through

www.wellington.govt.nz/zero-together



CARBOOT SALE

\$25 PER CAR
BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024
12PM - 3PM
CROFTON DOWNS PRIMARY
SCHOOL BOTTOM FIELD

SELL YOUR UNUSED OR UNWANTED
CLOTHES/BOOKS/KIDS TOYS AND
GAMES/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS/SHOES &
MORE





BAKE SALE



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Email the PTA for more information and to book your space now: croftondownspata@gmail.com

Crofton Downs Literacy Centre

Read Right, Write Well: After school tuition with an expert

Is your child having problems reading? Is writing a struggle for your child?

Enrol your child for after school literacy tuition, taught in Wellington's northern suburbs by a highly qualified and experienced specialist. With a PhD in English, and over thirty years working in education, Viv has taught every level from five-year-olds, to secondary school students, to teacher trainees, to post graduate university students. Sessions are one-to-one, and include a range of approaches that address skills, and the child's needs and interests, and remedial or extension reading, draft writing, spelling, handwriting, or children's literature. Tuition is \$30 per half hour, or \$50 per hour. The initial consultation is free.

To make an appointment, or learn more, phone 021 073 9234 or 04 4791740, or email van.rij.vivien@gmail.com



Calling all footballers from 5-15 years....!

Onslow Junior Football Club is accepting registrations now for the 2024 winter football season.

Boys and Girls are welcome to register for **Mixed Football** (U7-U15) on Saturdays or First Kicks (for children turning 5 or 6 this year) on Sundays. Girls also have the option of playing **Girls Football** (U8-U14) on Sundays.

Register via our website: <https://onslow.org.nz/registrations/>

For more info see our website: <https://onslow.org.nz/> or e-mail football@onslow.org.nz

Registrations close 12th March



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| Ages | 9 to 11 |
| | 12 & 13 |
| | 14 to 16 |